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Stevenson Mario *et al.*

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For: MODULATION OF HIV REPLICATION BY
RNA INTERFERENCE

Examiner: Schnizer, Richard A.

AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL OFFICE ACTION

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Final Office Action mailed April 30, 2008. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 30, 2008. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Pending Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins at page 2 of this communication.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.